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1. WE LEARNED OF THE WEISS AFFIAR LAST WEEK WHEN HE MENTIONED TO A USG OFFICIAL THAT HE HAD CALLED "THE PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN CYPRUS" TO CHECK ON THE REPORT THAT JUMBLATT'S BOAT HAD BEEN FIRED ON BY THE ISRAELIS. WHEN QUESTIONED BY THE PAO, WEISS ADMITTED MAKING THE CALL AND STATED THAT HE HAD FIRST MET THE MAN LAST MONTH WHEN HE (WEISS) HAD GONE TO CYPRUS AT THE TIME OF THE KLM HIJACKING. WEISS ADDED THAT HE HAD INFORMED THE IDF OF HIS CONTACTS WITH THE PLO REPRESENTATIVE.

2. ON MY INSTRUCTIONS PASO TOLD WEISS THAT: (1) HE WAS TO HAVE NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH PLO IN ANY FORM WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION AND (2) HE WAS NOW AN OFFICER OF THIS EMBASSY, SUBJECT TO USG POLICY RESTRAINTS AND THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF THE PAO.

3. THE PAO INFORMED USIS PERSONNEL OFFICER CARROLL, WHO VISITED ISRAEL LAST WEEK, AND PLANS TO DISCUSS THE MATTER
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FURTHER WITH BANKS OF VOA WHEN HE VISITS US NEXT WEEK.

GOI HAS NOT RAISED WEISS-PLO CONTACTS WITH EMBASSY BUT THAT MAY WELL BE EXPLAINED BY FACT THAT WEISS HAS KEPT IDF INFORMED.

4. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, CHARLES WEISS WAS APPOINTED AN FSR-4, WITH TITLE OF VOA REGIONAL CORRESPONDENT, LAST SPRING AFTER LONG SERVICE AS AN VOA STRINGER IN ISRAEL. HE HAS LIVED IN ISRAEL SINCE PRE-INDEPENDENCE DAYS AND, FOR THIS REASON, MFA HAS SO FAR NOT EXTENDED DUTY-FREE PRIVILEGES TO HIM (SEE TEL AVIV 5992).

5. IN ANY EVENT, I HAVE MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT IF HE IS TO CONTINUE AS AN OFFICER OF THIS EMBASSY HE MUST CEASE HIS FREE-WEHEELING AND ADHERE TO THE GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS. IF THIS APPROACH IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH SO-CALLED "VOA CHARTER OF NEWS INDEPENDENCE," I SHOULD BE SO INFORMED. FULL DETAILS HAVE BEEN POUCHED BY LETTER OF OCTOBER 5 TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON.
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